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The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning! We found several articles that you may be interested in.

Buttoned in by 40-year-old rules, civil service bursting at seams for a rebuild

August 15, 2018 | Nicole Ogrysko

Kristine Marcy never intended to make a career in government. But she met some life-changing mentors at a federal internship in 1967. She stayed, graduated law school and rose through the ranks of the General Schedule. So when President Jimmy Carter signed the Civil Service Reform Act in 1978, which ultimately created the Senior Executive Service, Marcy jumped at the chance to shed her status as a "super grade" executive and join the SES.

"It was an easy transition, and I very much wanted that label of Senior Executive Service," she said. "I saw myself as somebody who wanted to be stimulated, somebody who wanted to be challenged, somebody who liked change. I never wanted to get bored. I thought that this was an opportunity that I could move around the government [and] do interesting [and] challenging things." For Marcy, that's exactly what the SES was. She took her management expertise to a total of 10 different agencies throughout her 34-year-federal career. She helped plan and advise leaders of two brand new agencies: the Department of Education and the Office of Personnel Management.

Marcy is like many of her fellow colleagues who joined the Senior Executive Service in the beginning. In interviews with Federal News Radio, about a half-dozen charter SES members described long and exciting careers filled with travel, high-level responsibility and some reward for their efforts. But nearly all of them, including Marcy, described a general frustration with a few key hallmarks of the Senior Executive Service. Now the Trump administration says it sees those same frustrations with the SES and the decades-old system that created it.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

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August 15, 2018 | Chase Gunter

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August 15, 2018 | Federal Drive

How to prepare for the unknown: a contractor's guide to government shutdown planning

August 15, 2018 | Nicole Ogrysko

Defense Department watchdog probes military burning of ammunition, explosives
August 14, 2018 | Associated Press

America's new intelligence research chief wants to predict cyberattacks. Can it work?
August 14, 2018 | Justin Lynch

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August 15, 2018 | Derek B. Johnson

A critical top secret intel network needs to evolve
August 14, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Federal supply-chain threats quietly growing
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